

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) Hydraulic fluid container  $[(10)]$  for a vehicle hydraulic brake system, having at least one connecting sleeve  $[(14)]$ , in which there is a displaceably guided a valve member  $[(20)]$ , which in a first position, into which it is spring-biased, blocks the connecting sleeve  $[(14)]$  and which in a second position clears the connecting sleeve  $[(14)]$ , ~~characterized in that~~ wherein
  - the valve member  $[(20)]$  on its circumferential surface is provided with at least one radially elastic detent element  $[(32; 32')]$ , and
  - the connecting sleeve  $[(14)]$  in its inner side wall  $[(36)]$  comprises at least one recess, into which the detent element  $[(32; 32')]$  latches during introduction of the valve member  $[(20)]$  into the connecting sleeve  $[(14)]$  and which in relation to the direction of displacement of the valve member  $[(20)]$  forms a stop, which defines the first position of the valve member  $[(20)]$ .
  
2. (Currently Amended) Hydraulic fluid container according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the connecting sleeve  $[(14)]$  extends into the hydraulic fluid container  $[(10)]$  and the part  $[(16)]$  of the connecting sleeve  $[(14)]$  situated in the hydraulic fluid container  $[(10)]$  has substantially the same inside diameter as a part  $[(18)]$  of the connecting sleeve  $[(14)]$  projecting from the hydraulic fluid container  $[(10)]$ , and that the at least one recess for the at least one detent element  $[(32; 32')]$  is formed in the part  $[(16)]$  of the connecting sleeve  $[(14)]$  situated in the hydraulic fluid container  $[(10)]$ .
  
3. (Currently Amended) Hydraulic fluid container according to claim 2, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the valve member  $[(20)]$  comprises a first portion  $[(26)]$ , in which the at least one detent element  $[(32; 32')]$  is disposed, and a second portion  $[(28)]$ , which extends in the direction of the opening  $[(30)]$  of the connecting sleeve  $[(14)]$  and acts as an actuating tappet for the valve member  $[(20)]$ .
  
4. (Currently Amended) Hydraulic fluid container according to claim 3, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the first portion  $[(26)]$  of the valve member  $[(20)]$  is hollow-cylindrical and receives one end of a spring  $[(22)]$ , which biases the valve member  $[(20)]$  and is supported by its other end against the part  $[(16)]$  of the connecting sleeve  $[(14)]$  situated in the hydraulic fluid container  $[(10)]$ .

5. (Currently Amended) Hydraulic fluid container according to claim 4, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the spring  $[(22)]$  is supported against a partially breached end wall  $[(24)]$ , which forms one end of the part  $[(16)]$  of the connecting sleeve  $[(14)]$  situated in the hydraulic fluid container  $[(10)]$ .
6. (Currently Amended) Hydraulic fluid container according to claim 4, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the spring  $[(22)]$  is supported against an end wall  $[(24)]$ , which closes the part  $[(16)]$  of the connecting sleeve  $[(14)]$  situated in the hydraulic fluid container  $[(10)]$ , and that the recess in the inner side wall  $[(36)]$  of the connecting sleeve  $[(14)]$  that interacts with the detent element  $[(32; 32')]$  is a breach  $[(34)]$ .
7. (Currently Amended) Hydraulic fluid container according to ~~one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the valve member  $[(20)]$  on its outside comprises an annular sealing collar  $[(38)]$ , which protrudes slightly in radial direction and which in the first position of the valve member  $[(20)]$  interacts with an annular sealing seat  $[(40)]$ , which projects slightly in a radially inward direction and which is provided at an ~~the~~ inner surface  $[(42)]$  of the connecting sleeve  $[(14)]$ .
8. (Currently Amended) Hydraulic fluid container according to claim 7, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the annular sealing collar  $[(38)]$  and the valve member  $[(20)]$  are formed from a uniform material, and wherein ~~and~~ the annular sealing seat  $[(40)]$  and the connecting sleeve  $[(14)]$  are formed from a uniform material.
9. (Currently Amended) Hydraulic fluid container according to ~~one of claims 1 to 6~~ claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the valve member  $[(20)]$  on its outside comprises an annular sealing collar, which protrudes slightly in radial direction and is in contact with an ~~the~~ inner surface  $[(42)]$  of the connecting sleeve  $[(14)]$ , and that the annular sealing collar is formed by an O-ring seal  $[(46)]$ .

10. (Currently Amended) Hydraulic fluid container according to ~~one of claims 7 to 9~~ claim 7,  
~~characterized in that~~ wherein the annular sealing collar  $[(38, 46)]$  is disposed between a  
~~the first portion  $[(26)]$  of the valve member, in which the at least one detent element is~~  
~~disposed, and a the second portion  $[(28)]$  of the valve member, which extends in the~~  
~~direction of the opening of the connecting sleeve and acts as an actuating tappet for the~~  
~~valve member  $[(20)]$ .~~
11. (Currently Amended) Hydraulic fluid container according to ~~one of the preceding~~  
~~claims~~ claim 1,  
~~characterized in that~~ wherein the at least one ~~and/or each~~ elastic detent element  $[(32)]$  is  
formed by a tongue, which is fastened to the valve member  $[(20)]$  and pivotable about an  
axis parallel to the centre line  $[(M)]$  of the valve member  $[(20)]$ .
12. (Currently Amended) Hydraulic fluid container according to ~~one of claims 1 to 10~~  
claim 1,  
~~characterized in that~~ wherein the at least one ~~and/or each~~ elastic detent element  $[(32')]$  is  
formed by a tongue, which is fastened to the valve member  $[(20)]$  and pivotable about an  
axis, which extends tangentially relative to the circumferential direction of the valve  
member  $[(20)]$ .
13. (Currently Amended) Hydraulic fluid container according to ~~one of the preceding~~  
~~claims~~ claim 1,  
~~characterized in that~~ wherein the valve member  $[(20)]$  is an integral plastic injection  
moulded part.